



Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

March 9, 2012



Meet and Greet at the Gas Light Inn on Wednesday, March 14th from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors (GCPA) are looking for new members and will be hosting a Meet and Greet at the Gas Light Inn on Wednesday, March 14th from 6 to 8 p.m. to provide local residents, business owners and downtown merchants with the opportunity to find out all the Ambassadors do in the community. Several GCPA members will be at the Gas Light Inn, located at 5747 W. Glendale Avenue to share their experiences as members and answer questions about the organization.

The Ambassadors have been volunteering in Glendale for the past 17 years. You may know them from seeing them in their red shirts in the beverage booths and in and around Murphy Park at Glendale Special Events. From working these booths, the Ambassadors have been able to raise over \$260,000 that they have awarded to other nonprofits to assist them with special activities and projects that fit the GCPA mission to promote and enhance the economic and social welfare of Glendale and surrounding area residents, including military families at Luke Air Force Base. More recently, they have formed the GCPA Foundation, a 501(c)(3), which has begun raising additional funds to increase the Ambassadors' opportunities to give back to the community.

Over the years, the Ambassadors have been involved in a number of community projects, including a Habitat for Humanity house. They are currently planning what is hoped to be an

annual fundraiser in late April for Glendale's "other" ranch, Manistee Ranch, located at 51st and Northern avenues.

No matter what the Ambassadors are doing, their motto is to always have fun. If you would like to consider being a part of this active fun-loving volunteer group, make plans to drop by the Gas Light Inn to visit and enjoy a beverage with them. The Gas Light Inn is also a great community partner. If you haven't been there before, this is the time to check it out. For more information about the Ambassadors, visit their website at www.glendalecivicpride.org.

Folk & Heritage Festival – March 24 & 25. Performers with styles ranging from Folk and Bluegrass to Cowboy Poetry and Storytelling will entertain thousands of people at the two-day Folk & Heritage Festival.

The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Attendees are welcome to enjoy the entertainment on seven stages and participate in free workshops on topics such as Folk Fingerstyle Guitar, Old Time Fiddling, Beginning Autoharp and Slide Guitar Styles led by accomplished entertainers. This year's festival will also include a dance stage on the park's main lawn with dancing styles that range from belly dancing to Irish dancing.

This unique festival includes family entertainment, historic Sahuaro Ranch site tours, blacksmith demonstrations and children's music and activity area. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Admission and most activities are free.

For a complete schedule of the entertainment and workshops [click here](#). Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of activities during the event. To volunteer or for more information, call 623-930-4200.

2012 State of the City Address. Mayor Elaine Scruggs will give her 2012 State of the City Address on Thursday, March 15 at the Glendale Civic Center in conjunction with the Glendale Chamber of Commerce's 61st Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$60 per person or \$480 for a table of eight and can be purchased from the Glendale Chamber of Commerce by calling 623-937-4754. Registration begins at 10:45 a.m. and the luncheon program begins at 11:30 a.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

Glendale Makes Spring Break Fun. Parents and students looking for spring break activities can turn to the city of Glendale for ideas and activities through these Parks and Recreation programs and more!

Spring Break Licensed Child Care Program. Kids in kindergarten through 8th grade can participate in activities, arts and crafts, games and more. Bring a sack lunch (morning and afternoon snacks are provided). The cost is \$20 per day, per child for residents and \$25 per day, per child for non-residents. For more information, contact 623-930-2018.

Sahuaro Ranch Elementary

10401 N. 63rd Ave.

March 19-23

6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Spring Break Turnaround. Looking for something awesome to do during Spring Break? Join us on Saturday, March 17 for a SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN Turnaround! This adventure includes round-trip bus transportation (with light snacks) and entrance admission. Meals are not included. The cost is \$95 per person for residents and \$110 per person for non-residents. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For information, call 623-930-2046.

- Depart at 12:15 a.m. Saturday, March 17
- From Desert Mirage Elementary School (parking lot)
- 8605 W. Maryland Ave.
- Arrive back 5 a.m. Sunday, March 18.

Child Care & Babysitting Workshop. Join us from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 17 at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., for training on safe and fun ways to care for children. This workshop, for those 11-18 years old, covers CPR, first aid, techniques for active children and successful babysitting strategies. Build confidence, self-esteem and the skills necessary to care for infants and children on a daily basis and in emergency situations. Bring a sack lunch. The cost is \$63 for residents and \$76 for non-residents. For more information or to register, call 623-930-4600.

Around Town

Green Festival – March 31. Join us for Glendale's Annual Green Festival from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 for free energy saving devices, classes, industry experts from over 30 agencies and businesses and a free Family Zone. The event will be held at the Glendale Main Library and Xeriscape Garden, 5959 W. Brown Street. [Click here](#) for more information.

20th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival – April 14-15. The city of Glendale's 29th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 14-15.

The city of Glendale's Jazz & Blues Festival is not just about music, as the event will also feature fine artists working on-site, craft artisans and delicious food and beverages.

The event will run from noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Admission is free. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the city of Glendale special event hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Glendale Family Bike Ride – April 15. Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 15 at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

This is a ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. Visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride to pre-register. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10.

On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must get on the road by 9 a.m. For more information, call 623-930-2940.

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